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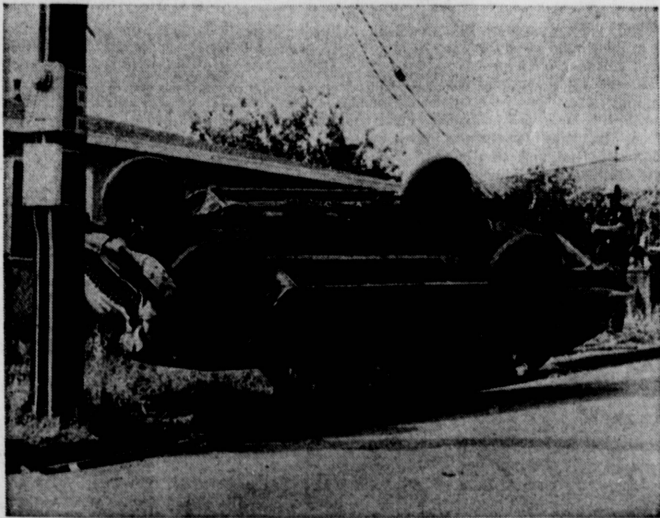
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BRAKES FAIL . . . Two women escaped serious injuries Friday when their station wagon slipped after striking a utility pole guy wire on Pennsylvania Avenue at Lomita Boulevard. Linda Boleck of 23520 Arlington Ave., driver of the car, said her brakes failed as she approached the intersection about 4 p.m. "It was either hit the truck in front of me or the pole, so I hit the pole," she said. A passenger, Mrs. Merrill Gay of Redondo Beach, was unhurt. Miss Boleck said she would see her own doctor. Traffic was blocked for about 20 minutes while the car was freed from the pole and towed away.

(Press-Herald Photo by Mike Eggers)

Judges Named for First Elementary Science Fair

Thirteen local science leaders have been named judges for the Torrance elementary school science fair.

Entries in the biological, physical, and earth sciences will be judged in the May 4 through 6 event at the Torrance Recreation Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd.

Judges named by Dr. Lloyd Jones, fair chairman, include: Dr. Kurt Shery, physician and member of the Torrance Board of Education; William Hanson, chief research chemist at Dow Chemical Co. and member of the local board; Dr. William Ball, physicist at Hughes Aircraft; William Webb, engineers at Hughes Aircraft, and Captain Glenon Kingsley, Air Force Procurement, North American Aviation;

George Sidio, engineer, Space Technology Lab; Merlin Dull, engineer, North American Aviation; William

Baby's Death Investigated

Efforts to save the life of a one-month-old girl early Friday morning ended in failure.

Torrance police rushed the girl, Linda Huddleston, and her mother, Mrs. Donna Huddleston, to Little Company of Mary Hospital about 7 a.m. Officers acted after a rescuer was summoned to the Huddleston home at 2517 Sonoma St.

The little girl was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital. Police said the mother, who became hysterical when told of the death, could give no reason.

The body was removed to Niland's Mortuary pending a coroner's investigation.

Stolen Check Suspect Held

An attempt to cash a check in a Torrance market led to the arrest of Robert L. Mobley Jr., 26102 Delos Drive, Friday night on suspicion of burglary.

Police said Mobley was arrested on Torrance Boulevard near Prospect Street after he fled from the market at 5303 Torrance Blvd.

The market manager told officers the man attempted to cash the check, drawn on a firm which officers said has been burglarized "several times." Mobley left the store after the manager started to telephone a credit checking firm, police reported.

Mobley also was charged with suspicion of passing a fictitious check.

Bawden, West High teacher; Wallace Geer, South High teacher; Jack Knapp, Torrance High teacher; Eric Wescomb, chief of support operations, North American Space Division; Joseph Alario, physicist, Aerospace, Inc., and Ralph Boethling, accountant.

AN ESTIMATED 300 entries are expected from the district's 33 elementary schools. This year marks the first time the elementary science fair is being held as a separate event from the high school science fair. Purpose of the separate activity is to permit a larger number of students to submit exhibits. Each exhibit will be accompanied by a written report.

Displays will be set up Wednesday. Public viewing will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday. Students will tour the exhibits Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Presentation of awards will take place at 7 p.m. Friday.

Awards will include a grand trophy in each of the three categories: biological, physical and earth science; and three first place awards in each category. First place awards will be made on the basis of age groups.

CRITERIA USED by judges to determine winners will in-

clude: creative ability, scientific thought, technical skill, knowledge of student, and project report.

Supplementing the student exhibits will be a lobby display of science materials from the Educational Materials Building used by the school district to support the science program.

The public is invited. There will be no admission charge.

San Pedro Man Jailed For Theft

Torrance police arrested a San Pedro man late Friday afternoon on suspicion of grand theft following a tip by a California Highway Patrol officer.

Jerry Lee Manson, 3109 Kerckhoff Drive, was taken into custody at Van Ness Avenue and the San Diego Freeway about 5:15 Friday. He was charged with the theft of a motorcycle which he was riding.

Officers said they stopped the man after a California Highway Patrol officer observed him pass traffic on the right while riding on the San Diego Freeway.

A check of the registration and identification numbers on the motorcycle revealed it was reported stolen last Oct. 19 in Santa Monica.

Tartars To Show Art Work

"Exhibit '66," a display of art, crafts, and photography by Torrance High School students, will be previewed Friday from 7:30 until 10 p.m. in the boys' gymnasium, 2200 Carson St. The event is free to the public.

Featured in the exhibit, which will remain on display during school hours throughout the month, will be oil paintings, water colors, mixed media, drawings, photographs, and craft work.

Judging each of these categories will be a board of critics comprised of Professor Joseph Mugnauni of Otis Art Institute, Professor John Cornish of California State College at Los Angeles, and Larry Macarary, Press-Herald columnist and faculty member at El Camino.

All work exhibited in the third annual art show will be listed in a catalog noting purchase prices.

Coordinating the event are Mrs. Patricia Jaeger, chairman of the art department; Maurice Wilson, student activities advisor, and Melvin Steinberg, photography teacher.

Worker Falls From Scaffold

A carpenter who tumbled 15 feet from scaffolding at a Torrance construction site was in fair condition yesterday at Little Company of Mary Hospital.

Karl Schomaker of Inglewood was taken to the hospital about 2:15 Friday afternoon. He fell while working at the Paul's Chevrolet construction site, 23505 Hawthorne Blvd.

Witnesses said Schomaker and a second carpenter were trying to put a 20-foot wooden beam into place when the beam, being shifted by a forklift, got loose and knocked Schomaker from the scaffolding.

Schomaker struck his head on a concrete floor in the fall and was believed to have suffered injuries to his back.

Long Beach Woman Hurt In Accident

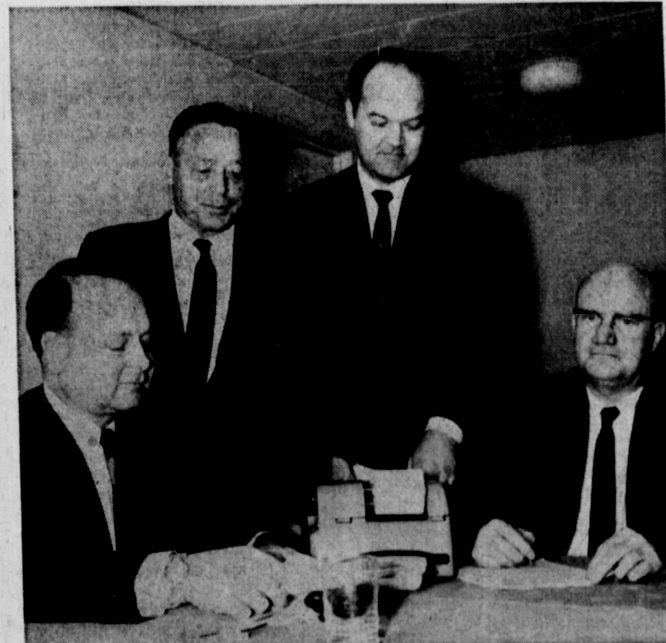
A Long Beach woman suffered minor injuries Friday evening in a three-car crash on Pacific Coast Highway near Prospect Street.

Opal Boulware, 2571 E. 219th St., told police she would seek private medical attention. She was a passenger in a car driven by Ruth H. Bean of 2131 W. Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita.

Police said the accident occurred as a car driven by Patricia Kelleher, a Rolling Hills High School student, approached the Prospect Street intersection on Pacific Coast Highway about 9:30 p.m.

Miss Kelleher told officers she saw Mrs. Bean pull from the curb, where she had been parked, but was unable to change lanes because of traffic. She struck the car driven by Mrs. Bean on the right front fender.

The impact forced the Bean vehicle into a car owned by Corwin Wilburn of Los Alamitos, which was parked on Pacific Coast Highway.



IT'S OFFICIAL . . . Dr. J. H. Hull (at right), superintendent of schools in Torrance, adds his signature to that of state and federal officials to make a \$92,562 vocational education planning grant to Torrance schools official. Watching as Dr. Hull signs the documents are, from left, Dr. Lee Wickline, director, area desk division of plans and supplementary centers, U. S. Office of Education; Dr. Donald W. Johnson, director of instructional programs, planning and development, California State Department of Education, and John Thorslev, grants officer, contracts and construction service, U. S. Office of Education.

Federal Grant Earmarked For Vocational Programs

Planning of vocational education in Torrance under a \$92,562 government grant will begin July 1 under terms of papers signed last week in Los Angeles.

Dr. J. H. Hull, Torrance superintendent of schools, signed for the planning grant provided by Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 at a meeting attended by representatives of the United States Office of Education and the California State Department of Education.

Funds provided in the grant will be used to hire personnel and lease office space to plan a permanent vocational training program for high school students and adults.

Discussing the appropriation with Hull were Dr. Lee Wickline, director, area desk division of plans and supplementary centers, contracts and construction service, U. S. Office of Education; Dr. Donald W. Johnson, director, instructional program, planning and development, California State Department of Education, and Dr. Laurence L. Belonger, California State Department of Education.

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Stores Hit by Thefts

A lone bandit passed a note to teller Phyllis Conto Thursday noon, warned her not to "press the panic button," and walked calmly out of the bank without exciting the other workers and 15 patrons in the building.

Mrs. Conto told police after the mid-day robbery that the bandit took the approximately \$300 she handed him and left by the front door of the Security First National Bank branch at 190th Street and Anza Avenue.

THEFT OF nearly \$650 in "cold" cash and a portable television set were reported in two commercial burglaries Friday.

The television set and \$544 in cash were taken from a bar at 5129 Torrance Blvd., between 2 and 9 a.m. Friday, police reported. The burglar pried open a door and then forced the coin box on a juke box.

Bulk of the cash was taken from an ice box in the kitchen, it was reported.

Another \$100 was taken from a beauty salon at 20924 Hawthorne Blvd. Police said the thief forced a back door, then ransacked a desk. The burglary occurred early Friday morning. An attempt to enter an adjoining barber shop failed, police said, because the burglar was unable to break the lock on a rear door.

IN A SERIES of residential and auto burglaries, police reported the theft of a \$200 gas powered lawn mower, a case of cigarettes valued at \$129.50, and several books of commuter tickets belonging to the Torrance Municipal Bus Lines. The tickets are worth more than \$60.

A stereo tape player and nine tapes were taken from a car parked at West High School Friday, while a used automobile transmission and other car parts valued at \$75 were removed from the rear of a station wagon parked at 2930 W. Sepulveda Blvd.

Personnel Session Set . . .

City Councilmen will begin their regular weekly meeting one hour earlier Tuesday, convening at 4:30 p.m. Purpose of the early session is to discuss vacancies on several city commissions, to be considered in a personnel session. The public meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Among items to be considered are a new ordinance which would require a permit for a parade in the city and a new Post Office Department policy which calls for the installation of "curb line" mailboxes in newly developed areas of the city.

School Board to Meet . . .

The Torrance Board of Education will hold its annual organizational meeting tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at board offices, 2335 Plaza del Amo. Trustee William J. Hanson, currently vice president of the board, is expected to be elected president for the coming year. In other matters, the board is expected to continue its discussion on the 1966-67 school budget.

Four-Year-Old Drowns . . .

Four-year-old Michael Silva of 18314 St. Andrews Pl. was pronounced dead on arrival at Gardena Hospital Thursday after being taken from the family swimming pool and failed to respond to resuscitation efforts. The boy's mother had reported him missing in a call to police a few minutes before she found him in the pool about 4 p.m. Neighbors brought the youngster up and began resuscitation efforts before relieved by Fire Department personnel.



SEA OF TROPHIES . . . Andrew Kovach, trophy chairman for the Torrance Unified School District's Elementary Science Fair, displays some of the trophies which will be awarded winners in each of the three categories. The fair, to be held at the Torrance Recreation Center, is scheduled May 4, 5, and 6. In addition to the three grand prizes, nine lamp of knowledge awards will be given.